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What is the law across Europe?



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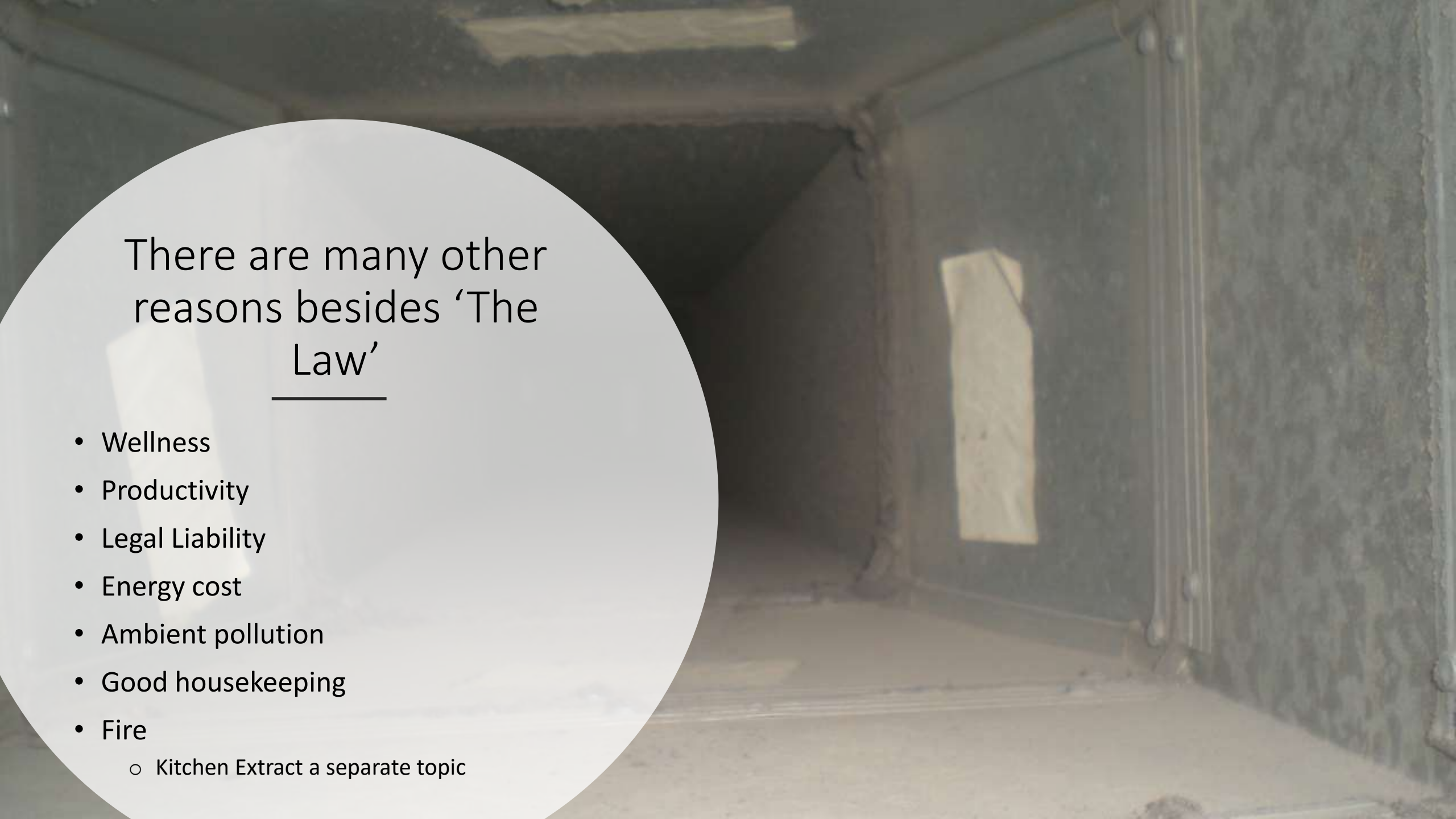
Common question from customers/facilities managers



EU Regulation exists and is applied in every EU member state



What is member experience?



There are many other  
reasons besides 'The  
Law'

- Wellness
- Productivity
- Legal Liability
- Energy cost
- Ambient pollution
- Good housekeeping
- Fire
  - Kitchen Extract a separate topic

# Decision Support for Facilities Manager



Is it the Law?



“Top  
management  
will only  
spend money  
if they have  
to”





# Workplace Directive 89/654/EEC

## *General obligations for the employer:*

- technical maintenance of the workplace and of the equipment and devices is carried out as quickly as possible
- the workplace and the equipment and devices are **regularly cleaned to an adequate level of hygiene**
- safety equipment and devices intended to prevent or eliminate hazards are regularly maintained and checked.
- <https://osha.europa.eu/en/legislation/directives/2>

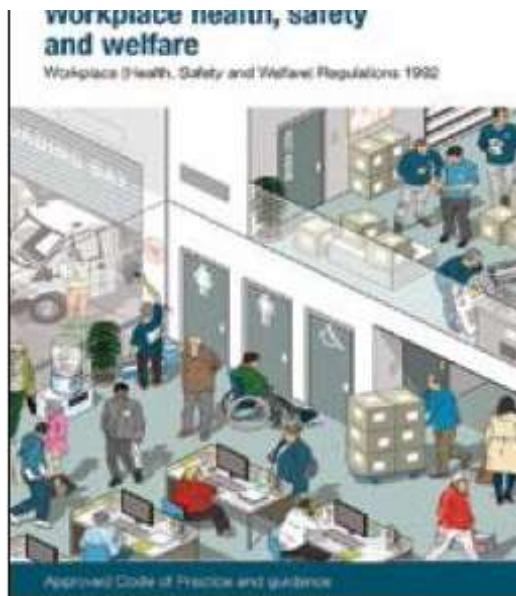


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Is translated into individual Member State laws, which you can look up [here](#)

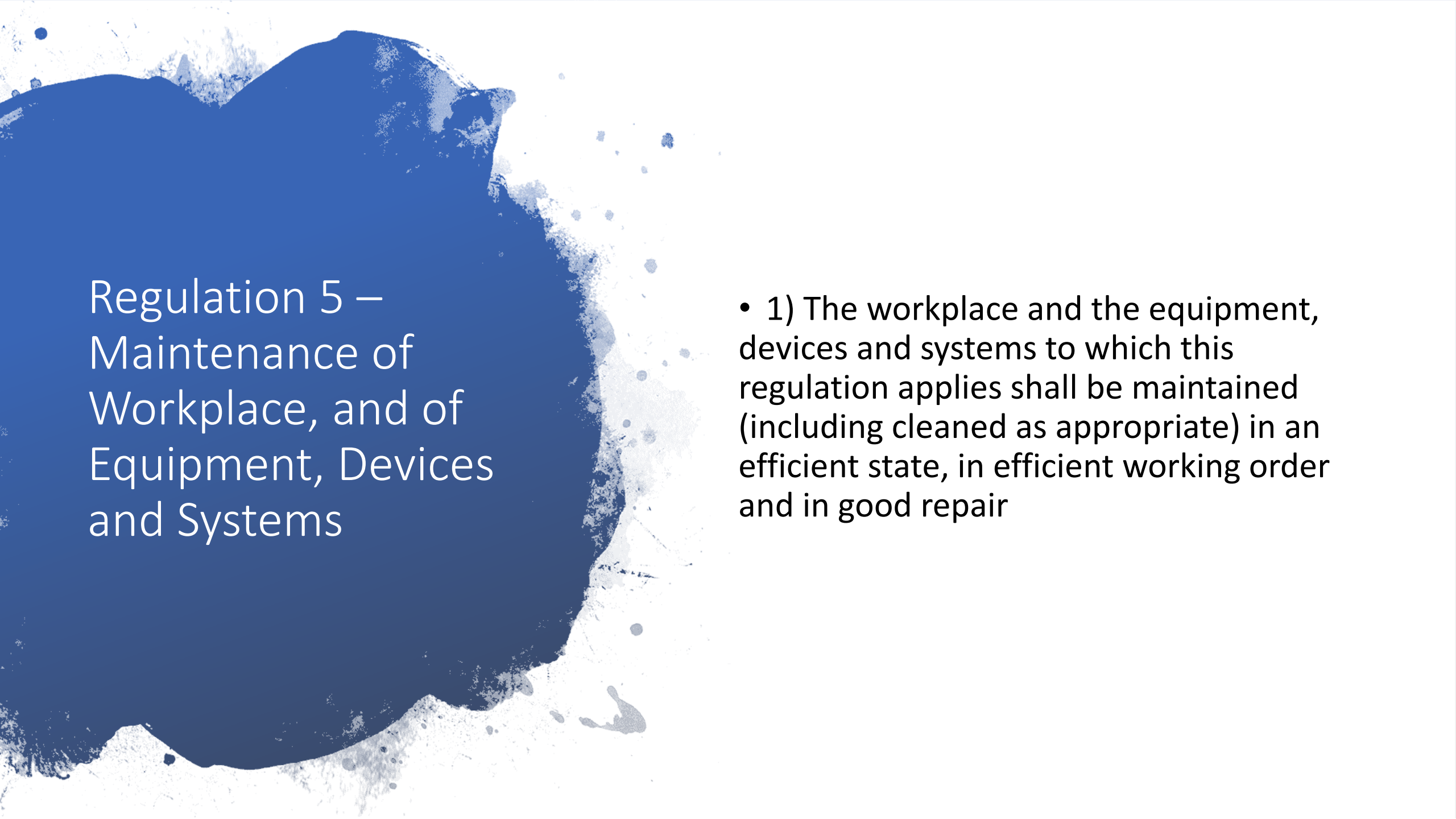
As an example, the relevant UK Regulations are titled: Workplace (Health, Safety & Welfare) Regulations

# UK Workplace (Health Safety & Welfare) Regulations L24 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition 2013



L24 (Second edition)  
Published 2013

- Regulation
  - Must comply
- Approved Code of Practice
  - Failure to follow ACoP would be evidence of non-compliance
- Guidance
  - Not compulsory, but advisable



## Regulation 5 – Maintenance of Workplace, and of Equipment, Devices and Systems

- 1) The workplace and the equipment, devices and systems to which this regulation applies shall be maintained (including cleaned as appropriate) in an efficient state, in efficient working order and in good repair



# Approved Code of Practice 5

- 41) An 'efficient state' means that the workplace and the equipment, devices and systems mentioned in these Regulations should be free of faults likely to affect the health, safety or welfare of workers and provide an adequate level of hygiene. If a potentially dangerous defect is discovered, the defect should be rectified immediately or steps should be taken to protect anyone who might be put at risk.

## Guidance 5

44) The frequency of regular maintenance, and precisely what it involves and who is competent to complete it, will depend on the equipment or device concerned. There is guidance from HSE and you can get advice from other authoritative sources, particularly manufacturers' information and instructions, as well as relevant trade literature.

EN15780, [EVHA Guidebooks](#) can provide authoritative sources

# Regulation 6 - Ventilation

- 1) Effective and suitable provision shall be made to ensure that every enclosed workplace is ventilated by a sufficient quantity of fresh or purified air.

# Approved Code of Practice 6

- 52) Mechanical ventilation systems (including air-conditioning systems) should be regularly and adequately cleaned. They should also be properly tested and maintained to ensure that they are kept clean and free from anything which may contaminate the air.



- How is **Workplace Directive 89/654/EEC** implemented around member states?
- How can we improve compliance?